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E.O. 11652: GDS, 12-31-79

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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING

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1. COLIN HUMPHREYS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO FOR DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY, IS BEGINNING WORK ON CERTAIN DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. HE HAS INFORMALLY REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM US MISSION ON WHAT US GOVERNMENT WOULD REGARD AS DESIRABLE IN A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF BURDENSARING.

2. MISSION ASKS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, AS TO THE RESPONSE IT CAN GIVE TO HUMPHREYS' REQUEST.

3. SOME ALLIES HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE US SHARE OF NATO BUDGETS, AND MISSION HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR REDUCTION OF US COST SHARE IN INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, IN MILITARY AND CIVIL BUDGETS, AND IN CEPS DEFICIT. ALSO, SOME ALLIES HAVE RESPONDED TO JACKSON-NUNN BY ANNOUNCING INTENTION TO INCREASE MILITARY PURCHASES FROM US. IN RESPONDING TO THIS MESSAGE, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE  
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DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH SUGGEST TYPES OF OFFSET THAT SEVERAL ALLIES, THOUGH NOT ALL, ARE INCLUDED TO OFFER.

4. IF WASHINGTON RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE IS SPECIFIC, MISSION

RECOMMENDS AN EFFORT AT HIGH LEVELS TO PERSUADE RELUCTANT ALLIES,  
NOTABLY UK, TO APPROVE AT DECEMBER MINISTERIALS WASHINGTON'S  
PROPOSALS WHICH MISSION WILL SUBMIT INFORMALLY TO HUMPHREYS.  
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